

November 27, 2006

No. 451/06

The Embassy of the United States of America refers the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Government of the Republic of Bolivia to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Columbian Cultures and certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial and Republican Periods of Bolivia done at Washington December 4, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that, pursuant to Article IV. A of the MOU, the MOU be extended for an additional five-year period.

The Embassy further proposes that, pursuant to Article IV. B of the MOU, the MOU be amended by replacing Article II with the attached revised Article II.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, the Embassy proposes that this note, including the attached revised Article II, and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia's note in reply, shall constitute an agreement to extend and amend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply and shall be effective on December 4, 2006.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachment: As stated.



To the Honorable

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship
of the Republic of Bolivia,
La Paz.

US-Bolivia MOU Extension 2006 – Revised Article II

- A. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia shall publicize this Memorandum of Understanding, and the reasons for it.
- B. Both Governments desire to enhance the appreciation of the cultural heritage of Bolivia; and, toward that end, Bolivia shall endeavor to permit the exchange of its archaeological and ethnological objects for cultural, educational and scientific purposes.
- C. The Government of the United States shall endeavor to respond to requests from the Government of Bolivia for expertise, collaboration, and other assistance related to the protection of Bolivia's cultural heritage, such as professional training in cultural resource management and security.
- D. The Government of Bolivia shall expand efforts to educate its citizens about the need to safeguard the national cultural heritage and to develop further the technical and managerial professions relating to cultural heritage protection, so as to prepare a workforce capable of protecting the patrimony for future generations.
- E. The Government of Bolivia shall continue its efforts to assess and revise the relevant cultural heritage laws, incentives, and penalties, as necessary, to ensure their consistency and effectiveness.
- F. Having made excellent progress in the protection of the nation's Colonial-period heritage, the Government of Bolivia shall endeavor to increase the attention and resources available for the protection and management of its archaeological sites and resources, including public awareness efforts at transit points throughout Bolivia.
- G. To the extent possible, the Government of Bolivia shall devise and maintain a system to document and track incidents of looting, interdiction, and return of archaeological materials, similar to the system in place for Colonial materials.
- H. The Government of Bolivia shall endeavor to increase and expand its cooperation with other countries to curtail the illicit trafficking of cultural property.



TRANSLATION

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La Paz

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La Paz, November 29, 2006

The Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship, Cultural Affairs Unit, presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to confirm receipt of diplomatic note No. 451/06 of November 27, 2007, proposing extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Precolumbian Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial and Republican Periods of Bolivia, signed at Washington December 4, 2001.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship would like to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the Government of Bolivia has accepted both the proposal to extend the Memorandum of Understanding for an additional five-year period and revised Article II. The diplomatic note from the Embassy and this response shall

constitute an agreement between our two governments to extend and amend the Memorandum of Understanding, which will become effective on December 4, 2006.

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